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SUBJ: MEAT: DOMINICAN REACTION TO PROPOSED US QUOTA

REF: DE SANTILLANA/HEAVNER MEMORANDUM TO GRUNWALD (12/9/76)

1. IN THE REFERENCED MEMORANDUM DOMINICAN AMBASSADOR TO THE US HORACIO VICIOSO IS QUOTED AS CHARACTERIZING PROPOSED INCREASE OF DOMINICAN MEAT QUOTA FROM 14.4 MILLION POUNDS TO 14.8 MILLION AS AN QUOTE INSULT. UNQUOTE (THE QUOTA WAS LATER SET AT 15 MILLION POUNDS) THE REACTION PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY HERE OF THE GODR OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MEAT QUOTA, CEDOPEX EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ROBERTO MARTINEZ, HAS BEEN COMPLETELY DIFFERENT.

2. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE AMBASSADOR, DCM, AGATT, AND ECONOMIC COUNSELOR, MARTINEZ EXPRESSED COMPLETE SATISFACTION WITH THE QUOTA. HE ADMITTED THAT VICIOSO HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAKE A DEMARCHE ON THE SUBJECT, BUT MARTINEZ CLAIMS HE LATER ASSURED PRESIDENT BALAGUER THAT THE LATEST MEAT QUOTA FOR THE DR WAS COMPLETELY ACCEPTABLE. MOREOVER, MARTINEZ IS QUOTED IN LISTIN DIARIO OF DECEMBER 18 AS BEING QUOTE SATISFIED WITH THE FINAL RESULTS AND INDICATING THAT THE AGREEMENT IS SATISFACTORY IN ALL RESPECTS. UNQUOTE.

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3. MARTINEZ HAS EXPLAINED TO EMBOFFS THAT HE DOES NOT RPT NOT WANT TO SEE THE QUOTA INCREASES OUTSTRIP THE COUNTRY'S ABILITY TO MEET THE INCREASES. HURWITCH

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